

A SHORT
CATECHISM,
WITH THE
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The Ten COMMANDMENTS,
THE
LORD'S PRAYER,
AND
The BELIEF.

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containing the principal heads of the christian religion.



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A Short CATECHISM.

Question. **W**HO made man? Answer. God.

Q. What is God? **A.** He is a spirit, infinite in wisdom, power and goodness, the maker and ruler of all things.

Q. Is there but one God?

A. There is only one, the living and true God.

Q. How many persons are there in the God-head?

A. There are three persons in the God-head, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are One.

Q. How did God create man?

A. He created him after his own image, in righteousness and true holiness.

Q. Did man continue in that estate?

A. No: for our first parents brake the commandment of God in eating the forbidden fruit, and so brought themselves and their posterity into an estate of sin and misery.

Q. What is sin?

A. Sin is the breaking of any of the commandments of God.

Q. What mean you by the estate of sin?

A. The estate of sin is the defilement of our nature, whereby we are inclined to that which is evil, and backward to that which is good.

Q. What is the misery whereinto we are fallen by sin?

A. We are thereby made liable to the wrath and curse of God, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Q. Is there any way to be saved from the wrath and curse of God which is due to us?

A. Yes; for Jesus Christ the eternal son of God, did take our nature upon him, and humbled himself,

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and became obedient even unto the death of the cross that he might redeem and deliver us.

Q. Who shall be saved by Jesus Christ from the wrath and curse of God ?

A. They who have true faith in him, and do unfeignedly repent of their sins, and sincerely obey his commandments.

Q. What is faith in Jesus Christ ?

A. It is a saving grace, whereby we accept of him and rely upon him for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. How is Christ offered to us in the gospel ?

A. As our prophet, priest and king.

Q. How do we accept of him as our prophet ?

A. By learning and believing his doctrine.

Q. How do we accept of him as our priest ?

A. By coming to God through him alone, relying on his merits and intercession.

Q. How do we accept of him as our king ?

A. By subjecting ourselves to his government and depending upon his protection.

Rehearse the articles of the christian faith.

A. I believe in God the father Almighty, &c.

Q. What use are we to make of these articles ?

A. We are often and seriously to meditate on them for our encouragement in our profession and practice of the christian religion ; beseeching the Lord to increase our faith, and help our unbelief.

Q. What is repentance ?

A. It is a godly sorrow for sin, a hearty and real turning from it to God, by true obedience.

Q. What is the rule of our obedience ?

A. The will of God, as it is contained in the scripture, and particularly in the ten commandments.

Rehearse the ten commandments.

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A. I am the Lord thy God, &c.

Q. What is the sum of the ten commandments ?

A. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, and thy neighbour as thy self.

Q. How doth our Saviour express the duty of a christian in the gospel ?

A. He commands us to deny ourselves, and to take up our cross daily, and follow him.

Q. What mean you by denying ourselves ?

A. A renouncing every thing in us, or belonging to us, so far as it hindereth our obedience unto Christ; or our full trust in him for salvation, and every good thing.

Q. What mean you by taking up our cross ?

A. A resolute undergoing of every trouble which we cannot avoid without sin; and a patient enduring of every affliction which the Lord's hand layeth upon us, by whatsoever means or instruments.

Q. What mean you by following of Christ ?

A. A setting him before us as our pattern, and labouring to be like him.

Q. Wherein must we be like him ?

A. In his love to God, and charity to man, and the purity and humility of his heart and life.

Q. How must we be like him in his love to God ?

A. We must lift up our souls unto God in frequent prayers and praises; yield ourselves wholly to his will, and seek his glory above all things.

Q. How must we be like him in his charity towards man ?

A. We must never wrong, slander, or despise our neighbour; but must wish well to every man, and pray for them, and do them all the good we can, even though they were our bitter enemies.

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Q. How must we be like our Saviour in purity ?

A. We must carefully avoid all gluttony, drunkenness and uncleanness, all covetousness and vexing cares, and learn to despise the pleasures and enjoyments of this present world.

Q. How must we be like him in humility ?

A. We must never have any proud conceit of ourselves, nor do any thing through strife and vain glory ; but must be submissive and obedient to those that are over us, and meek and lowly in our behaviour towards all men.

Q. Will not the outward profession of religion be sufficient to save us, tho' we live as others commonly do ?

A. No ; for the gospel teaches us, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world.

Q. But may not we expect mercy from God thro' the merits of Christ, tho' we neglect the performance of these things ?

A. No indeed ; for tho' the mercy of God be so great, that he pardons all penitent sinners for Christ's sake ; yet he himself hath warned us, that except we repent, we shall certainly perish.

Q. Is it safe for us to shift off and delay our repentance till another time ?

A. No certainly ; for we have already spent too much of our short time, and do not know how soon death may come ; and the longer we continue in the custom of sin, we are thereby the more hardened in it.

Q. May not we content ourselves to keep some of the commandments of God, tho' we be freely careless of others ?

A. No ; for we are but hypocrites and not true christians, unless we have a respect to all the com-

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mandments of God, and seriously endeavour to obey them.

Q. But having attained some measure of holiness, may not we sit down and satisfy ourselves with it ?

A. No ; but we must still be growing in grace and going on to perfection.

Q. What reward may we hope for, in performing these duties ?

A. Everlasting happiness with God and his holy angels, according to his free and faithful promise to his obedient children.

Q. What punishment have we cause to fear if we neglect these duties ?

A. Everlasting torment with the devil and his angels, and according to his just and dreadful threatenings against those who obey not the gospel of Christ.

Q. Who is he that shall thus reward the obedient, and punish the disobedient ?

A. The Lord Jesus Christ, before whom all that ever lived in the world, shall one day appear, to render an account of what they have done in the flesh.

Q. Are we of ourselves able to perform these things which God calls for at our hands ?

A. No : but it is the spirit of God that must enable us by his free grace.

Q. Are we then to be idle and do nothing ?

A. No ; but as we must labour for our daily bread, though it be God's free gift, so we must be diligent in the use of the means of grace, which God hath appointed ; waiting for his blessing on them.

Q. What are the special means we are to make use of.

A. The reading and hearing the word of God, and meditating upon it as the rule of life, and ground of our faith and hope ; earnest prayer, and the use of the sacraments, with a serious consideration of our ways,

ways, and a careful shunning the occasions of sin.

Q. What is prayer ?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.

Rehearse the form of prayer which our Saviour taught us.

A. Our father which art in Heaven, &c.

Q. What use are we to make of this prayer ?

A. We are frequently and devoutly to use it, as the most excellent form of prayer, and always to have a regard to it as the pattern of all our prayers.

Q. How many sacraments are there ?

A. Two ; baptism, and the Lord's supper.

Q. What is baptism ?

A. Baptism is the washing with water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, which entrencheth us into the church, and doth signify and seal our washing from sin, and our new birth in Christ Jesus.

Q. What are you obliged unto by being baptised ?

A. To renounce the devil, the world, and the flesh, to believe the doctrines of Jesus Christ, and obey his laws ; which by his grace I will strive to do.

Q. What is the Lord's supper ?

A. The giving and receiving bread and wine according to Christ's appointment, whereby we shew forth his death, and are made partakers of his body and blood for the nourishment of our souls.

Q. How ought we to receive the supper of the Lord ?

A. With hearts full of love to God who hath given his Son to die for us, and hatred of sin, which was the cause of all his sufferings, and charity to all our neighbours for his sake.

Q. What is the hazard of those who eat this bread
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and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily.

A. They are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord, and eat and drink damnation to themselves.

Q. How then should we prepare ourselves for the supper of the Lord?

A. We must examine ourselves, whether we repent truly of our former sins, stedfastly purposing and vowing to lead a new life; whether we have a lively faith in God's mercies through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death, and be in charity with all men.

Q. How ought we to behave ourselves after we have received the Sacrament?

A. We ought to double our watchfulness and diligence, endeavouring through God's grace, to continue and go on in all manner of well-doing, considering, that the vows of the Lord are upon us.

The Ten COMMANDMENTS,

Exod. 20.

AND God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of *Egypt*, out of the house of bondage.

I. Thou shalt have no other Gods before me."

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing, that is in Heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

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III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain ; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy ; six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work ; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God : *in it*, thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor the stranger that is within thy gates ; for in six days, the Lord made Heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day ; wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother ; that thy days may be long upon the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

The LORD's PRAYER. *Matth. vi.*

OUR Father which art in heaven, I. Hallowed be thy name : II. Thy kingdom come : III. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven : IV. Give us this day our daily bread : V. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors : VI. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever, Amen.

The C R E E D.

I Believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth : II. And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord : III. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost ; born of the virgin Mary : VI. Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell † : V.

The third day, he rose again † i. e. Continued in from the dead : VI. He ascended into heaven ; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty : VII. day.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead : VIII. I believe in the Holy Ghost. IX. The holy catholic church, the communion of saints : X. The forgiveness of sins : XI. The resurrection of the body : XII. And the life everlasting. Amen.

Some passages of SCRIPTURE, containing the principal heads of the christian religion.

I Of God.

John iv. 24. God is a spirit.

Rev. iv. 8. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Psal. cxlvii. 5 Great is our Lord, and of great power, his understanding is infinite.

Exod. xxxiv. 6. The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth ;

7. Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity

ty and transgression and sin ; and that will by no means clear the guilty.

Deut. vi. 4. The Lord our God is one Lord.

1 John v. 7. There are three that bear record in heaven ; the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost ; and these three are one.

II. Of the creation, the fall, the sin and misery of man.

Gen. i. 26. And God said, let us make man in our own image, after our likeness.

27. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him.

Ecc. vii. 29. God hath made man upright.

Rom. v. 12. By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin ; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

Rom. iii. 23. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Psal. li. 5. Behold I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

III. Of the redemption of mankind by the Lord Jesus Christ.

John iii. 16. God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 John iv. 9. In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation

by no tion for our sins.

I *Pet.* iii. 18. Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God.

I *Pet.* ii. 24. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sin, might live through righteousness ; by whose stripes every one of us were healed.

Tit. ii. 14. Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

in the IV. *Of the terms on which we may obtain salvation by Christ.*

to the *Acts* xvi. 30. He said, sirs, what must I do to be upon saved ?

ort of 31. And they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.

and in *Acts* iii. 19. Repent and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

d Jesus *Isai.* lv. 6. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

e gave 7. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the un-
eth in righteous man his thoughts, and let him return to
e. the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to
ove of our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

ly be *Luke* ix. 23. If any man will come after me, let
through him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and
d, but follow me.

opitia- *Mat.* xi. 28. Come to me all ye that labour and
tion are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me,

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for I am meek and lowly in heart ; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Heb. v. 9. Being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him.

John xiv. 15. If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John xv. 14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Tit. ii. 11. The grace of God, which bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men,

12. Teaching us, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.

Mic. vi. 8. He hath shewed thee, O man ! what is good ; and what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to do justly, and love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.

Col. iii. 5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth, fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

6. For which things sake the wrath of God cometh upon the children of disobedience.

8. Put off all these, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communications, out of your mouth.

9. Lie not, one to another.

12. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering.

13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any ; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14. And above all these things, put on charity which is the bond of perfection.

1 Theff. iv. 11. And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we command you.

1 Pet. ii. 17. Fear God, honour the king.

Rom. xiii. 1. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers; for there is no power but of God, the powers that be, are ordained of God.

2. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God, and they that resist, shall receive to themselves damnation.

1 Theff. v. 12. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you.

13. And to esteem them very highly in love, for their works sake.

Heb. xiii. 17. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves, for they watch for your souls, as they that must give an account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief, for that is unprofitable for you.

Col. iii. 18. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

19. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

Eph. vi. 1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

5. And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Col. iii. 22. Servants, obey in all things your masters, according to the flesh, not with eye-service, as men please, but in singleness of heart, fearing God.

23. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

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Col. iv. 1. Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal, knowing that ye also have a master in heaven.

Mat. vii. 12. Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.

Mat. xxiv. 13. He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved.

Gal. vi. 9. Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Rev. ii. 10. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

V. Of the necessity of performing these things.

John iii. 36. He that believeth on the Son, hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not on the Son, shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Luke xiii. 3, 5. Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Ezek. xxxiii. 11. As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: Turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways, for why will ye die?

Ezek. xviii. 30. Repent and turn yourselves from all your transgressions, so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed, and make you a new heart and a new spirit, for why will ye die?

32. For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God, wherefore turn yourselves and live ye.

John iii. 3. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

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Mat. xviii. 3. Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of God.

Luke vi. 46. Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say ?

Heb. xii. 14. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

1 Cor. vi. 9. Know ye not, that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God ; be not deceived ; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind ;

10. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Heb. x. 38. If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

VI Of the means of obtaining grace from God, and for enabling us to do those things.

Luk. xi. 9. Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10. For every one that asketh, receiveth ; and he that seeketh, findeth ; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

13. If ye being evil, know how to give good things unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly father give the holy spirit to them that ask him.

1 Pet. iii. 21. The like figure, whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, not the putting away the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. xi. 23. The Lord Jesus, the same night, in which he was betrayed, took bread :

24. And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you, this do in remembrance of me.

25. After the same manner also he took the cup when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood, this do ye, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

1 Cor. x. 16. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

Psal. cxix. 9. Wherewithall shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word,

11 Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.

59. I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

90. I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

Prov. iii. 5. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not to thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

VII. *Of the four last things, vix. death and judgment, heaven and hell.*

Heb. ix. 27. It is appointed unto men, once to die, but after that the judgment.

John v. 25. The hour is coming, in which all that are

are in the grave shall hear his voice.

29. And shall come forth, they that have done good, & into the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

2 *Cor.* v. 10. We must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in the body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Mat. xxv. 34. Then shall the king say unto them on his right-hand, come ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

41. Then shall he say also to them on his left-hand, depart from me ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

46. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous unto life eternal.

2 *Thess.* i. 7. The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8. In flaming fire, to take vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ;

9. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power, when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired of all them that believe.



The twelve months of the year, both according to the Jewish and Roman accounts, with the number of days in each month.

<i>Jewish account</i>	<i>Roman account</i>	
1 Abib or Ni-fan	March hath days	31
2 Zif, Zive or Ji-ar	April	30
3 Si-van	May	31
4 Ta-muz	June	30
5 Abh	July	31
6 E-lal	August	31
7 Etha-nim or Tif-ri	September	30
8 Bul or Marcheshevan	October	31
9 Chif-leu	November	30
10 Tebeth	December	31
11 She-bhat	January	31
12 A-dar	February	28



How to know the names of numbers, both by letters and figures from one to a thousand.

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II	Two	2 XX	Twenty	20
III	Three	3 XXX	Thirty	30
IV	Four	4 XL	Forty	40
V	Five	5 L	Fifty	50
VI	Six	6 LX	Sixty	60
VII	Seven	7 LXX	Seventy	70
VIII	Eight	8 LXXX	Eighty	80
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XIII	Thirteen	13	CCCC	Four hundred	400
XIV	Fourteen	14	D	Five hundred	500
XV	Fifteen	15	DC	Six hundred	600
XVI	Sixteen	16	DCC	Seven hundred	700
XVII	Seventeen	17	DCCC	Eight hundred	800
XVIII	Eighteen	18	M	One thousand	1000

Observe also that *l.* above any figure stands for *li-*
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penny, *ob.* for *obolus* a half-penny. *q.* for *quadrans* a
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MORNING and EVENING
PRAYERS,
To be used in Families, daily,
upon several Occasions.

Together with

Forms of BLESSING and THANKSGIVING, both
before and after MEAT.

A Morning Prayer.

WE praise thee, O God, for thy many precious
benefits bestowed upon us ; for the creation
of the world, and for the redemption of mankind by
Jesus Christ : thou didst safely take us from the womb
and has ever since cared for us ; thou hast of thy great
mercy, caused us to be born within thy church, where
we have been early given unto thee in baptism ; thou
hast afforded us the means of grace, and called us to
the hope of glory.

But, O most merciful father ! we poor miserable
sinners, conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity,
have gone astray from thee ; we have not cared to
know thee and do thy will, but have done our own
wills, and followed our foolish and sinful inclination
and do therefore deserve thy wrath and curse.

O Lord have mercy upon us, turn us unto thee
and grant us true repentance and forgiveness of
our sins, for Christ's sake. Let it be from henceforth

our chiefest care to please thee and to seek thy kingdom and righteousness. Work in us a true faith, a lively hope and a fervent charity; make us humble, meek, patient, sober and just; kind and loving to all men, submissive and obedient to them that are over us, well content and thankfull in every condition of life. Grant that we may daily grow in knowing, loving fearing and obeying thee. Create in us clean hearts, and renew right spirits within us.

O Lord send thy gospel throughout the world; pour out plentifully the Spirit of truth, holiness and peace upon all thy people; bless this church and kingdom; preserve our protestant king and all the royal family; guide our judges and magistrates; sanctify and assist the ministers of the gospel; visit all that are in trouble, and sanctify their afflictions unto them; be gracious unto all our kindred, friends and neighbours; bless and forgive all our enemies.

We thank thee O Lord for thy care of us this night; watch over us this day, and make us mindful that we are always in thy sight, that we may be in thy fear all the day long. Bless us also, O God, in all our lawful employments; establish the work of our hands, and grant that thro' the whole course of our life we may be holy and harmless in all manner of conversation, that when this short and frail life is ended, we may be partakers of everlasting life, thro' the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name and words we pray, *Our Father which art in heaven,* &c.

An evening prayer.

Most gracious God, what shall we render unto thee for thy many and great benefits bestowed on

on us though we have been unthankful and undutiful servants to thee our Lord and master ? Thou has continued thy care and kindness for us ever since we were born, and hast preserved us this day : Let us never forget thy goodness, but grant that thereby we may be led to repentance and newness of life ; preserve us from every thing that may displease thee. O Lord keep us from cursing, swearing and lying, from idleness, pride and stubbornness ; work in us an utter dislike of all uncleanness, gluttony and drunkenness, of malice and envy, of strife and contention, of deceit and covetousness ; give us grace to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. Cause us to understand and consider the life and laws of Jesus, that we may do his will and follow his steps. Let never the cares of this life nor the love of riches, nor evil company, nor the corrupt customs of this world, withdraw us from the obedience of thy laws ; but strengthen and establish us by thy holy spirit, that we may live and die thy faithful servants.

O Lord, send thy gospel through the world ; pour out plentifully thy spirit of truth, holiness and peace on all thy people ; bless this church and kingdom ; preserve our protestant king, and all the royal family ; guide our judges and magistrates ; sanctify and assist the ministers of the gospel ; visit all that are in trouble, and sanctify their afflictions unto them ; be gracious unto all our kindred, friends and neighbours ; bless and forgive our enemies.

O Lord, be merciful unto us, and forgive us the sins of this day, watch over us this night, and keep us ever mindful that we must shortly die, that we may without delay turn to thee, and pass the time of our sojourning here in fear. Lord hear us, and grant these

these our desires, and what else thou knows to be needful for us, for the merits of Jesus Christ, in whose name and words we pray, *Our Father which art in heaven, &c.*

PRAYERS *and* THANKSGIVINGS *on several occasions.*

A prayer for rain.

A Lmighty and gracious God, who promised to the people of God of old, who should walk in thy statutes and keep thy commandments, to give them rain in due season, that the land might yield its increase, and the trees their fruit ; we humbly beseech thee, that thou would incline our hearts to obey thy laws, and in this our necessity to send such moderate and seasonable rains, as we may in due time enjoy the fruits of the earth, for the preservation of man and beast, for our further encouragement and accommodation in thy service, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for rain.

O God, our heavenly father, by whose bountiful providence it is that we enjoy the former and the latter rain, which thou hast caused to descend on the earth, we acknowledge thee to be the fountain of this and all other benefits, and we bless thee who hast sent this joyful and seasonable rain to refresh the earth when it was dry, that it may yield its increase for our use. Grant that we may express our thankfulness to thee by bringing forth the fruits of righteousness, and by the sober and thankful use of thy benefits, we may live to thy glory, for Christ's sake, *Amen.*

A prayer for fair weather.

A Almighty and gracious God, who promised, in thy mercy, to *Noah*, that there should be no more a flood to destroy the earth ; we humbly beseech thee, who only can bind up the clouds that they rain not, that thou wouldest keep up these overflowing rains, and send such temperate weather as we may reap the fruits of the earth in their season, and learn both by thy benefits and chastisements, to amend our lives, to fear thy judgments, and to give thee Praise, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A prayer in time of war.

O Almighty God, the Lord of hosts, who makes wars to cease unto the ends of the earth, and who givest commission to the sword for the just punishment of sinners ; grant us unfeigned repentance for those sins that have provoked thee thus to punish us ; and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, from the hands of our enemies, and keep us under thy almighty protection. Strengthen then them that fight our battles, and subdue those that rise up against us ; that in due time this bloody war may end in peace, and we may glorify thy power and mercy, who art the almighty defender of all that trust in thee, through the merits of thy dear son Jesus Christ our Lord, God over all, blessed for ever. *Amen.*

A thanksgiving for peace.

O Almighty God, who art a strong tower of defence to thy servants against the face of their enemies, we render unto thee our hearty praise and thanks for our deliverance from great and apparent dangers wherewith we were compassed. We acknowledge that it is an effect of thy goodness and patience, that we are not delivered as a prey unto them ; and we humbly beseech thee to continue and lengthen

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our tranquillity, that all the world may know, that thou art our saviour and almighty defender forevermore. *Amen.*

A prayer in time of any common sickness.

Most gracious God, who hast commanded us to call upon thee in the time of trouble, and hast promised to deliver us ; we fly unto thee for help against this wasting sickness, which tho' we have deserved at thy hands, yet we intreat that thou would'st rebuke this plague, that it may not come nigh our dwellings. Sanctify this thy visitation to them that are under it ; let the fruits of it be the purging away of their sins, that being chastened by the Lord, they may not be condemned with the world. Grant that in patience they may possess their souls and bear thy indignation, because they have sinned against thee, that they may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, and quietly wait for thy salvation ; and in thy good time command deliverance from this plague and violent sickness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A thanksgiving for deliverance from any common sickness.

O Lord, our God, who hast wounded us for our sins, and consumed us for our transgressions by thy late heavy and dreadful visitation, now in the midst of judgment remembering mercy, hast redeemed our souls from the jaws of death ; we offer unto thee our Lord and master, our souls and bodies which thou hast redeemed from death, as living sacrifices unto thee, which we pray thou wouldst graciously accept, and enable us more and more to glorify thee with our bodies, and with our spirits which are thine : that we may always magnify and praise thy mercy in the midst of the church, through Jesus Christ our Saviour and mediator. *Amen.*

A prayer for any sick person.

Most merciful God, the creator and preserver of all things, who hast the power of life and death, of health and sickness, and of all the chastisements with which thou usest to awaken thy people to seek thy face, and to bring them to a sense of their sins whence their afflictions do spring : we humbly beseech thee, that as thou hast thus visited thy servant with this rod of sickness, so thou wouldst be pleased to visit him with thy salvation, and beget in him such a sense of the sinfulness of his nature and life, that he may heartily detest and forsake those sins which he hath been accustomed unto and may betake himself to Jesus his Saviour, for life and peace ; and let the blood of Christ cleanse him from all his sins. Establish his heart with faith and patience and refresh his soul with the comforts of the Holy Ghost, that he may not faint in the day of his trouble, but may stand out against all temptations and assaults from the enemies of his salvation ; strengthen him especially against the sinful fear of death, and all inordinate desires of prolonging his present life, and set his affections on those things that are above ; rebuke his sickness in thine appointed time, and so long as thou shalt be pleased to detain him under this correction, chastise him in measure and mercy. Grant him a humble submission to thy blessed will, that he may reap the happy fruits of his affliction, and may find in the issue of his disease, that it is good for him that he hath been afflicted. Give us grace, who by thy goodness enjoy our health, to profit by this example of human frailty, that while we have time and strength, we may employ them in thy service ; that at last we may attain to that blessed state, wherein there shall be no fear of sickness, death or trouble ; through Jesus Christ

Christ our Lord and only Saviour, to whom be glory
for ever. *Amen,*

A prayer for a sick person just dying.

O Almighty and gracious God, with whom do
live the spirits of just men made perfect, after
they are delivered from their earthly prisons : we
humbly commit the soul of this thy servant into thine
hands, as unto a faithful creator and most merciful
Saviour, beseeching thee, that it may be precious in
thy sight.

Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of the lamb
of God, which was slain to take away the sins of the
world, that the defilement it hath contracted in this
corrupt and naughty world, being purged and done
away, it may be presented without spot in the pre-
sence of thy glory. Teach us who survive, in this
and other examples of mortality, to see how uncer-
tain and frail our lives are, and so to number our
days that we may apply our hearts to heavenly wis-
dom, whereby we may be guided to everlasting life,
through the merits of Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
and our alone mediator. *Amen.*

*Some forms of blessings and thanksgiving, both before and
after meat.*

A blessing before meat.

O Lord, be merciful unto us, pardon our sins, san-
ctify these thy benefits, that we, by the sober
and thankful use of them, may be enabled for thy
service, through Jesus Christ our Lord and saviour.
Amen.

Another.

Gracious God, thou art the protector and pre-
server of the whole creation ; thou hast fed us
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all our lives unto this day, with food convenient for us, though we are evil and unthankful. We pray thee forgive all our sins, by which we have forfeited all our mercies, and to use these and all thy creature comforts to the glory of our great benefactor, through the grace of our great redeemer.

A thanksgiving after meat.

WE thank and praise, thee, O Lord, the giver of all good, who hast at this time fed our bodies : stir up in us a greater concern for our souls ; and grant that our short lives, which are carefully sustained by thy bounty, may be spent in doing thy will. Lead us safely thro' this vain and sinful world, in which we are pilgrims and strangers, and bring us into everlasting rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Another.

WE thank thee, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, for all the gifts both of thy providence and of thy grace ; for those blessings which relate to the life that now is, and to that to come ; for the use of thy good creatures at this time : perfect, O Lord that which concerns us ; nourish our souls with the bread of life, to life eternal ; and let us be of those that shall eat bread in the kingdom of our Father, for Christ Jesus sake. *Amen.*

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